



# Robert Down Principal's Update

February 10, 2023

## Principal's Message

Dear RHD Families -

Happy early Valentine's Day to all. A huge thank you to Sonda Frudden and our Counseling Intern, Cassie Goff, along with all the parent volunteers for supporting our Kindness Week lunchtime activities.

Please remember that Monday, February 20th there is no school and that all of next week is February Break 13-17th.

Our Read-a-Thon will occur the week we get back from break and Book Week will occur the week after. Look for the PTA section below for details.

**Medication Consent - Even for Store Bought/On the Counter Medication**

A friendly reminder that a medication consent form should be completed with parent and healthcare signature for all over-the-counter and prescribed medications given at school. This includes cough drops and throat lozenges.

**Reminder from Nurse Powley re: Food Allergies**

*Hello Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom Families,*

*As a reminder, we have a Kindergarten classmate severely allergic to peanuts as well as First Grade classmates that are severely allergic to egg and egg products in addition to tree nut and peanut products. Therefore, they should not be exposed to any egg, tree nut or peanut products in the classrooms or lunch area in order to avoid life-threatening reactions to these foods requiring Epi-Pen treatment.*

*The Kindergarten classmate and First Grade classmates can develop life-threatening allergic reactions to these products via contaminated hands with both nut and egg remnants which are rubbed on the eyes, nose, and mouth. To maintain the highest level of safety, all of the Kindergarten and First classrooms will be compulsory egg, tree nut, and peanut-free classrooms. No school-based foods containing egg or nut products will be served in any of the Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms.*

*Given the importance of ensuring that there is no exposure to egg and nut food products in the Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms, we request that all Kindergarten and First Grade classroom families refrain from sending any foods with their child to school which contain peanut, tree nut or egg ingredients. We understand that this requires an adjustment for families in the foods that they pack for their students as well as time to plan for alternatives but know that this is an important implementation to minimize the exposure to life-threatening allergens for students with nut and egg allergies.*

*Thank you very much,*

***Katrina Powley, RN, BSN, CSN***  
***District School Nurse***  
***Pacific Grove Unified School District***  
***[kpowley@pgusd.org](mailto:kpowley@pgusd.org)***

***Google Voice: (831) 275-5396***

**Brick Fundraiser Back Online**

A huge shout out to Field of Dreams Designs and its owner, Neil MacLaren, for being willing to sell RHD Bricks for our fundraiser. Please use the QR code below to order a 4x8 or 8x8 brick for our summer project.

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Sean Keller, RHD Principal  
Google Voice (831) 275-0083  
***[skeller@pgusd.org](mailto:skeller@pgusd.org)***

***RHD Brick Sales Are Available Online (Store is Open and Working This Week!)***







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## RHD - Active Student COVID Cases

As of February 9

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## RHD Upcoming Events

**February** - African American History Month

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month>

**Feb. 6-10** - Kindness Week

**Feb. 13-17** - Presidents' Holiday, No School

**Feb. 20** - Teacher Prep Day, No School

**Feb. 21** - School Site Council Meeting, 3:30 PM

**Feb. 21** - PTA Dine-Out, Monarch Pub, 5:00-8:00 PM

**Feb. 21-March 3** - Read-A-Thon & Book Week (see message below)

**March 2** - PGUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

**March 3** - PTA Book Read-A-Thon Event, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30 PM



### **Read-A-Thon and Book Week February 21-March 3**

**We have a very special reading focused series of events coming up after February break.**

Starting Tuesday, February 21, RHD students will be able to log on to our online Read-A-Thon site and start logging reading minutes. Our goal is to log at least 110,000 total reading minutes across at least 210 RHD students, and raise some money for the wonderful community events, classroom supplies, special assemblies and other items that the PTA funds (note: students do not have to collect donations to participate, log minutes and help us meet our school goal).

**Mark your calendars for fun book-related events and keep an eye out for additional details from your teachers and the PTA.**

- **TUESDAY (2/21)-FRIDAY (3/3) Read-A-Thon!** Log your student's minutes read online each day; share with friends and family for pledges to encourage your student and raise money for RHD!
- **THURSDAY (2/23) Favorite Book Day!** Bring a favorite book to school and, if you want, dress up as a favorite book character!
- **MONDAY (2/27) Crafternoon: Bookmarks!** Come to the PG Public Library to make your own bookmark from 3:30-4:30pm!
- **WEDNESDAY (3/1) Cozy Up with A Book Day!** Wear pajamas to school!

- **THURSDAY (3/2): Book Swap!** Bring a book (or 3) from home to swap for a new-to-you book (or 3) in the RHD cafeteria during lunch recess!
  - **FRIDAY (3/3): Flashlight Friday Night!** Come to the RHD cafeteria from 6:30-7:30pm for a special hour of family reading fun with special guests. Come in PJs, with a flashlight or headlamp and any soft items for comfort. Snacks provided.
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### Volunteer & Chaperone Clearance

If you plan on being a **VOLUNTEER** on campus or a **CHAPERONE** for a field trip, please be sure you are fingerprint cleared with our district and submit a copy of your **COVID vaccine card** to the District Office. To make an appointment at the District Office please call Kimberly Ortiz at 646-6553.

Before coming to campus to volunteer, please check with your child's teacher to schedule a time that works best for them.

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### Office Reminders...

1) Please have your child to school on time. Gates open at 8:30 AM. Warning bell rings at 8:40 AM. **Final bell rings and instruction begins at 8:45 AM.** When a student is tardy it is disruptive to the office and classroom. In addition, students miss important information and announcements from their teacher first thing in the morning.

2) Did you know that you can report your child's absence with your ParentVUE app? Simply log into your ParentVUE account to send the office a message about why your child is absent.

**\* Ways to report a student absent \***

- a) ParentVUE app
- b) 24 Hour Absence Line (831) 646-6663
- c) Email Annie Deis at [adeis@pgusd.org](mailto:adeis@pgusd.org)

3) Please make sure to relay afterschool plans with your child **PRIOR** to the school day. The office and teachers are getting phone calls and emails from parents daily about what their child should do after school. This is disruptive.

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### **Robert Down Birthday Books**

This notice is to tell you about our **voluntary** program designed to build the RHD library and foster your child's love of reading.

**Here is how it works:** To join the Robert H. Down Birthday Book Club fill out the information below (scroll way down to the bottom of this message to print the Birthday Book forms) and deposit it in the Drop Box at school along with a check for \$20.00 (please make the check payable to the P.G.U.S.D. and write R.H.D. Birthday Book on the memo line).

When your child's birthday month comes around Ms. Scanlon will present a new book in honor of your child's birthday. Your child will be the first one to check out and read the book that has been

donated to the library to celebrate their birthday. A bookplate with your child's name will be affixed to the inside cover for all future readers to appreciate.



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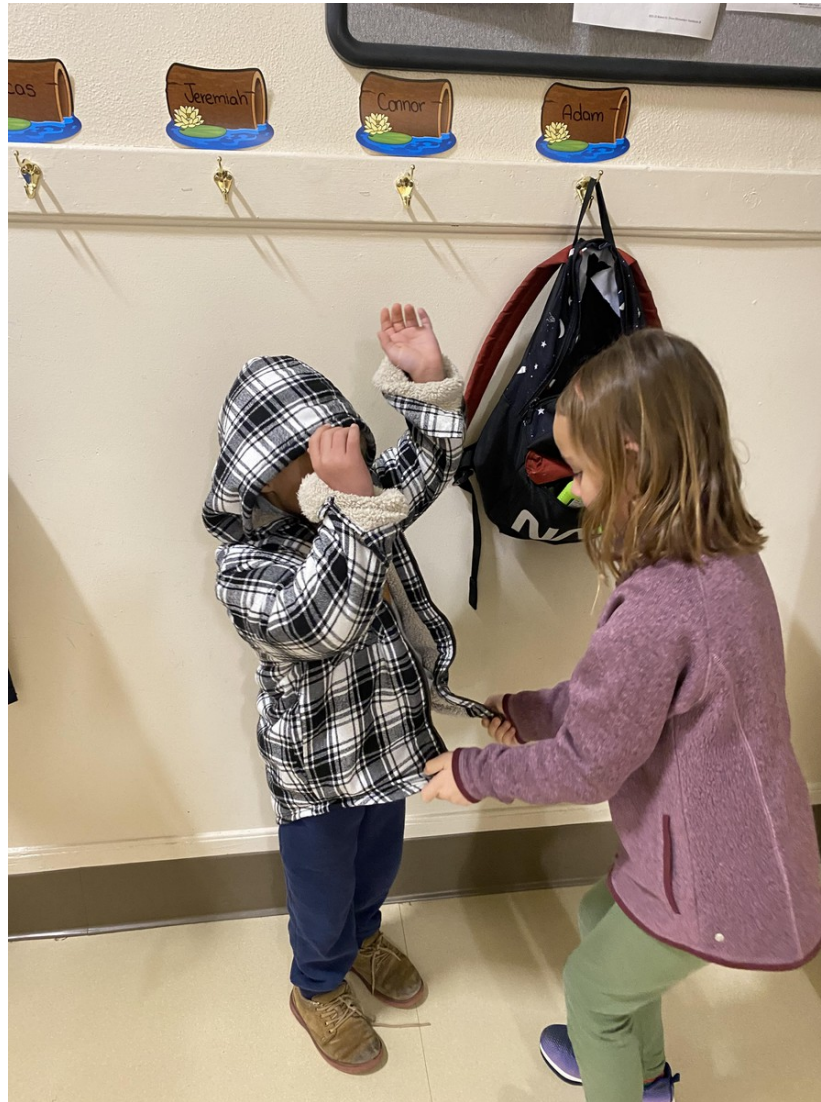




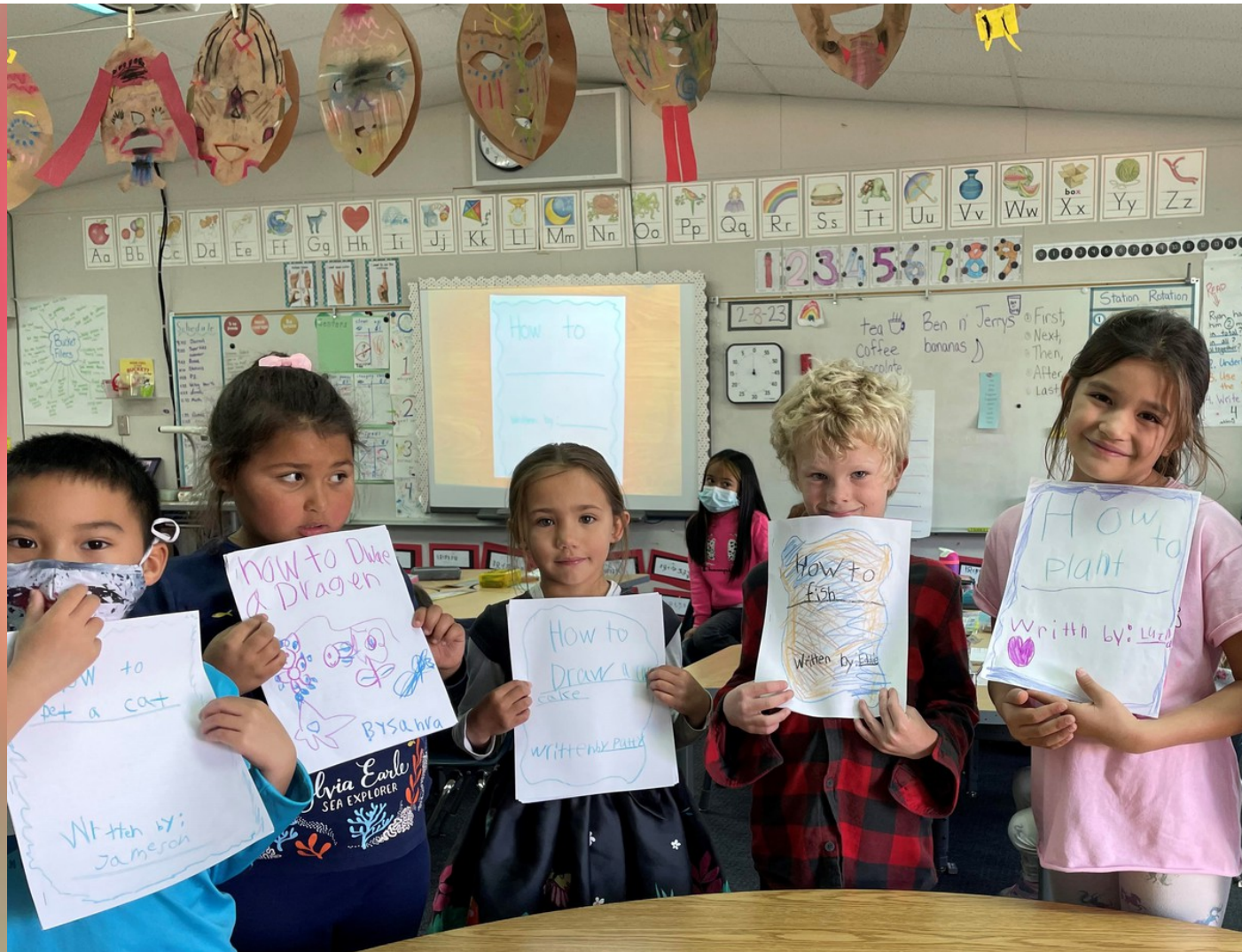












## Robert Down Instrumentalists!



Robert Down Instrumentalists Performing For Classes!



## Robert Down Brass "Class Crashers" Mini Concert!



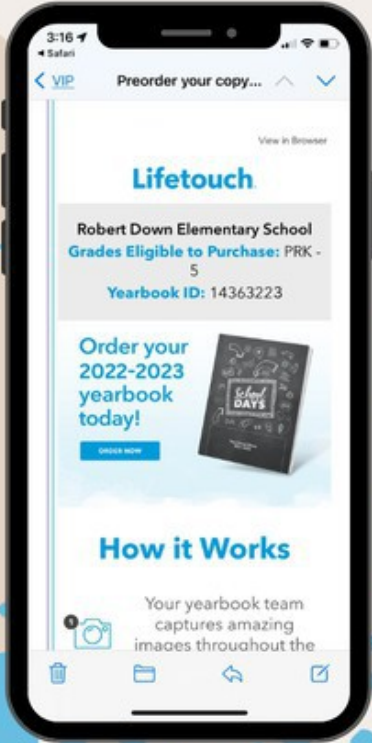
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### ***Flyers***

**PTA Newsletter**

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## Order your 2022-2023 yearbook today!

**IT'S EASY!**

- 01** Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order>
- 02** Enter our Yearbook ID: 14363223
- 03** Place an order for your child's yearbook!

### RHD Yearbooks for SALE!

Yearbooks are available for sale, please order soon if you'd like one:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob?>

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**Orders must be placed by April 17**



Don't miss out on all the events at Robert Down Elementary School. Pre-order your yearbook today at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using your **Yearbook ID Code: 14363223**.

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**RHD PTA presents  
Dine in Fundraiser:**



**15% of all the purchases will be donate to  
the Robert H Down PTA.**

**Tuesday, February 21  
5 - 8 PM**

**The Monarch Pub and Restaurant  
617 Lighthouse Ave  
(831) 324-4987**

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# Build It at the Library

Fourth Friday of the Month  
3:30-4:30pm

**February 24th:**  
Marble Maze and Gravity Maze



Sponsored by the PGPL Friends and Foundation  
with support from the Joe Rock Fund.

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# RHD PTA DINE OUT FUNDRAISERS 2023

**FEBRUARY**



**FEBRUARY 21**

5pm - 8pm

**MARCH**



**MARCH 22**

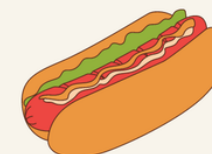
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**APRIL**



**APRIL 19**

4pm - 8pm



**MAY**



**MAY 17**

All day

**JUNE**



**JUNE 14**

All day

**JULY**



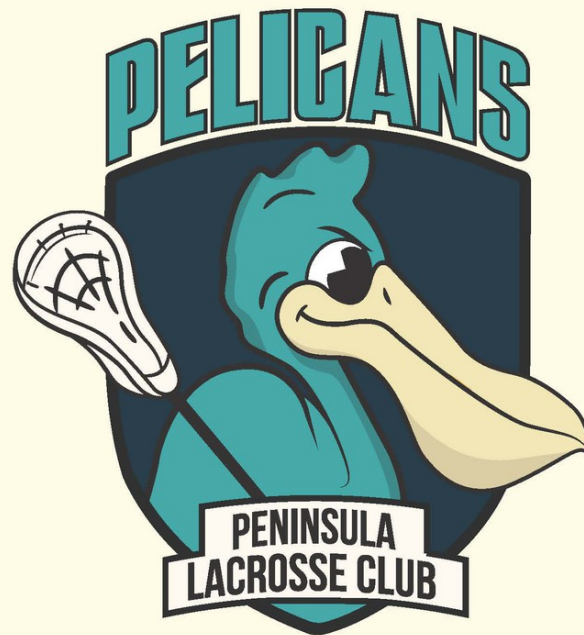
**JULY 7**

11am - 7pm



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**GIRLS & BOYS**

**AGE 9-14**

**MONTEREY**

**3/1-5/20**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**GEAR CAN BE PROVIDED**

**REGISTER @ [LACROSSETHEBAY.ORG](http://LACROSSETHEBAY.ORG)**

**CALL (860) 558-2739**

**EMAIL [LAXTHEBAY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAXTHEBAY@GMAIL.COM)**

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Peninsula Lacrosse Club is excited to provide PGUSD students with an inclusive opportunity to play rec lacrosse this spring. For our boys and girls ages 9-14, whether new to lacrosse or experienced, Peninsula LC is an amazing opportunity for kids to develop as skilled athletes and people, have fun, and compete against local lacrosse clubs. Below are the details:

**Who:** Girls & boys ages 9-14

**When:** March 1 - May 20

**Where:** Monterey

**Cost:** \$299 | Scholarships & equipment available



For new players, Peninsula LC can provide lacrosse gear to use throughout the season. They can also provide you with recommendations if you'd like to buy your own.

If you would like to play, [here is the link to register](#). You can also register at [lacrossethebay.org](http://lacrossethebay.org). If you have questions, call (860) 558-2739 or email [laxthebay@gmail.com](mailto:laxthebay@gmail.com).

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**CLICK HERE to ORDER RHD Spirit Wear**

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 <b>Pacific Grove Unified School District</b> 				
<b>FEBRUARY 2023 Elementary School Menu</b>				
<b>Breakfast</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cereal Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Mini Cinnis Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Concha/Pan Dulce (Mexican sweet bread) 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Cereal Raisins / Craisins / Apple Crisps Milk	Chocolate Muffin 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>Lunch</b>				
		Wednesday 2/1	Thursday 2/2	Friday 2/3
		Turkey Taco Nada Baby Carrots Sliced Peaches Milk Cheez-its	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 2/6	Tuesday 2/7	Wednesday 2/8	Thursday 2/9	Friday 2/10
Mozzarella Stuffed Breadsticks with marinara sauce Green Beans Applesauce Milk	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Edamame Fresh Fruit Milk	Brunch for Lunch Buttermilk Pancakes served with syrup Turkey Sausages Home Fries Fresh Fruit Milk	Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Veggie Burger Carrots 100% Fruit Juice Milk Cheez-its	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 2/13	Tuesday 2/14	Wednesday 2/15	Thursday 2/16	Friday 2/17
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Monday 2/20	Tuesday 2/21	Wednesday 2/22	Thursday 2/23	Friday 2/24
NO SCHOOL	Crispy Chicken Sandwich (NAE whole-muscle breaded filet) Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Cup Milk	Meatballs & Marinara (chicken meatballs) Texas Toast Green Beans Fresh Fruit	Build-a-Burger (all-beef or veggie patty) plain or with cheese, lettuce & pickles Baked Beans 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Domino's Cheese Pizza Side Salad Fresh Fruit Milk
Monday 2/27	Tuesday 2/28			
Bean & Cheese Pupusa Carrots w/ Tajin Fruit Cup Milk	Chicken & Waffle (NAE chicken served with syrup) Corn Fresh Fruit Milk			

Daily Vegetarian Option includes Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich & Bean & Cheese Burrito Menu subject to change without notice; the USDA and CDE are equal opportunity providers and employers

**\*ALL MEALS ARE FREE THROUGH MAY 26, 2023\***  
www.pgusd.org/Departments/Food-Services

## Robert Down Elementary School

Website: <https://robertdown.pgusd.org/>

Location: [485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA, USA](#)

Phone: (831) 646-6540





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